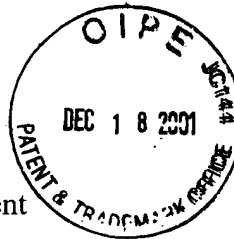


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2001 (Paper No. 5), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendment and traverse set forth below. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and authorization to pay the fee for the Three-Month Extension of Time accompany this amendment.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Specification**

Please insert as the first paragraph after the title of invention on page 1 of the specification, the following reference to related patent applications.

B) -- This application is the national phase of international application for patent serial number PCT/JP98/03692 filed 20 August 1998.--

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 11 and 12 without prejudice to the filing of future continuing applications.

Please substitute the following claims 2-10, for the claims 2-10 now pending in the above-identified application.

Please add new claims 13-27.